

## ROCK ISLAND'S POPULATION IS 35,177, AN INCREASE OF 44.6 PER CENT SINCE LAST CENSUS

Average Rate of Growth  
During Past Decade  
10.000 by 1920.

### GENERAL CENSUS RETURNS FOR ROCK ISLAND SINCE 1845

1845	12
1850	578
1860	1,184
1870	1,711
1880	5,130
1890	7,980
1900	11,659
1910	13,634
1920	35,177

Rock Island's population is 35,177, an increase of 10,542, or 44.6 per cent in 10 years.

Figures for 1920 were made public by the census bureau at Washington at 9 o'clock Saturday evening and were first given out here in a bulletin posted by The Argus. The announcement promptly drew a crowd, for the returns had been awaited with unusual interest.

In the rate of growth the city exceeded the average for several decades. It stood far above the other places' statistics for which were given out at the same time.

These were: St. Paul, Minn., 234,595, an increase of 19,551, or 9.2 per cent over 1910.

Albany, N. Y., 113,344, an increase of 13,091, or 13.1 per cent.

Waterbury, N. Y., 16,073, increase 990, or 6.6 per cent.

Rensselaer, N. Y., 10,823, increase 112, or 1.0 per cent.

Maintenance of the same rate of growth for another decade will give Rock Island a population of approximately 50,000.

Had Dozen in 1835.

The first record of Rock Island's population dates back to 1835, when it was then known as Stephentown and had a dozen people.

The county of Rock Island had been organized previous to this and a point almost opposite the lower end of the government island where stood the log house of John Barrel, which had been erected a few years earlier by Russell Farnam and George Davenport, was agreed as the logical location of the county seat. The place was called Farnamsburg and this continued to be the name until 1835, when the county commissioners who had been appointed by the legislature met and selected a point a little further down as the county seat and named it Stephentown.

In 1840 the population of Stephentown (Rock Island) had grown to 171. In March, 1841, the general assembly of the state passed an act incorporating and changing the name of the town to Rock Island. Four years before there was but one house in the place, but by 1840 it contained 175 houses, had seven

stores, three taverns, three groceries, two saddle and harness shops, two cabinet shops, one cooper shop, one tin shop, one watchmaker, one potter, three physicians and four lawyers, and a court house.

A remarkable increase from 1840 to 1845 was noted. The population for 1845 was 1,134. This rate continued to 1850, when 1,711 persons lived in Rock Island.

Rock Island Road Comes.

But a still more remarkable boom in population occurred in the next decade. In 1860 the enumeration showed 5,130 people in Rock Island. It was in 1854 that the Rock Island railroad reached the Mississippi river and brought with it the consequent boom. Real estate in all parts of Rock Island increased from 25 to 100 per cent in valuation. The company was forced to buy its way into the town at a high rate, paying four prices for the privilege of coming into a place that it was to be the means of making a large city.

The advent of the road changed Rock Island from a quiet river village into an energetic, bustling city. The sound of the steam whistle aroused dormant energies and set on foot many enterprises.

In 1870 the population had jumped to 7,980 and in the following decade another large increase was recorded, 1880 found 11,659 persons residing in Rock Island.

In 1890 the population was 13,634; in 1900, 19,493; and in 1910 it was 24,335. In 1916 the school census was the basis for an estimate of 28,654. In 1919 the school census showed 33,002.

Any land owner with a tract suitable for subdivision purposes is requested by officials of the chamber to file his name with the acting secretary, Otto Hildebrandt, who will transmit the information to the proper parties.

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## CENSUS REPORT GRATIFYING TO R. I. CHAMBER

Officials State There is Continual Demand for Residence and Business Property.

Officials of the Chamber of Commerce express themselves as highly gratified at the census showing of Rock Island, as bearing out what has been the contention of the chamber, that the city is a growing and progressive one.

While the last few years have not been marked by the erection of sky scrapers in the business district, the demand for homes coming to the attention of the chamber has been a constant one. Many newcomers have purchased their homes and made their residence here permanent.

At the present time there are enough calls for residences registered with the Chamber of Commerce to fill 250 houses if these could be had. One prominent realtor recently stated that if he had 50 homes or bungalows that could be sold at prices ranging \$5,000 to \$6,000 he could sell them in less than a week, basing his estimate on the number of houses he had recently sold.

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both men under arrest. However, the men were able to explain their actions satisfactorily to the police with the exception of one of them carrying a gun, which was used in lodging a formal complaint against one of the brothers.

Two Others Tried.

O. R. Forbes was arraigned Saturday night on a charge of drunkenness and fined \$5. He was arrested by Patrolman Charles Miner.

Mrs. Margaret Kludy was dismissed Saturday night on a charge of disorderly conduct preferred by George E. Whalen.

Alleged Frowler at Five and Ten Cent Store Denies Being Vagrant—Case Continued.

C. J. Betz, said to have come to Rock Island Feb. 23 after having obtained a discharge from the army, was remanded to the county jail in continuance of 10 days on a charge of vagrancy after Betz refused to sign a jury waiver before Magistrate D. J. Cleland in police court this morning.

Betz was arrested at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Station Officer Gus Kirsch after complaint had been filed at the police station by G. E. McCormick, manager of the S. S. Kresge company five and ten cent store, 1713 Second avenue, that he had found Betz in the boiler room of the store heating plant.

Betz was placed in a cell and arraigned for hearing at 9 o'clock this morning. He is said to have told the police that he went into the boiler room at the Kresge store to see the fireman.

He refused to sign the jury waiver for trial before Magistrate Cleland and asked that he be told what charge he was being held on. He was informed that he was charged with vagrancy.

Denies Charge.

Betz, who is about 25 years old, declared that he was not a vagrant, saying that he has obtained a job, has his room rent paid in advance and otherwise sets forth his denial. Magistrate Cleland was obdurate and demanded that the jury waiver be signed or Betz have his case continued for 10 days.

The defendant reiterated his refusal to sign the waiver and demanded a jury trial. He was sent to the county jail under a continuance.

Licensed to Wed.

Azel J. Swanson, Chicago Miss Ellen Johnson, Rock Island Elmer Truitt, Muscatine Miss Gladys Burton, Muscatine Thomas Wilson (colored), Moline Miss Nellie Fuse (colored), St. Louis Harold Hansen, Clinton Miss Olga Klare, Clinton

Sam Mauritz drew a fine of \$25 from Magistrate D. J. Cleland in police court this morning on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. Joseph Mauritz, his brother, was dismissed.

The two men were arrested at 1 o'clock Sunday morning by Patrolman Fred McCullom, at 619 Ninth street, where the two men were said to have been engaged in taking down an awning.

They are said to have occupied the building at one time, and claimed that the awning was their property.

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## TEAM WORKERS FOR CAMPAIGN MEET TUESDAY

Commencement Program Now Being Arranged by Augustana Alumni Association.

Team captains for the Augustana college campaign for \$80,000 to begin Wednesday, and their associate workers, over one hundred in number, will hold their first gathering at a noon luncheon tomorrow. Each captain has chosen his own team members. There are 21 captains. A team will be composed of five or six workers.

Captains of teams met this noon at the Rock Island club to perfect their organization. Arrangements for the opening event of the drive, the banquet at Augustana gymnasium Wednesday evening, are going forward. Plans to accommodate about three hundred men are being made.

Augustana alumni association is already planning for the annual banquet to be held in connection with the college commencement May 25. Following the custom set last year the alumni will be guests of the institution at the annual dinner at noon. Last year about four hundred alumni and friends were seated at the tables covering a large portion of the new gymnasium. A still larger attendance is expected this year.

Speaker Prominent Psychologist.

Dr. J. E. Wallin of the class of 1897, has been asked to give the annual address. Dr. Wallin is in charge of the psycho-educational clinic conducted by the board of education of St. Louis, Mo., the only one of its kind, it is believed, in the United States. He is a prominent psychologist and has been doing practical work for St. Louis, especially along the line of defective and abnormal children.

During the summer months he conducts clinics at various places in the United States and contributes articles on his specialty to the leading magazines published in this country.

Dr. Wallin has many books to his credit. Among them are the following: Measurements of Mental Traits in Normal and Epileptic children (1918); Problems of Subnormality in School Children (1917); Mental Health of the School Child (1914); Experimental Studies in Mental Defectives (1917).

G. Bernard Anderson, '88, an attorney of Chicago, has been asked to be the toastmaster for the occasion. Attorney Anderson is president of the Augustana league in Chicago and took a prominent part in a recent drive for funds for Augustana in Chicago.

Eight Reunions.

The additional feature of the banquet to be held this year will be the reunions of the class of 1880, 1890, 1895, 1900, 1910, 1915, 1917 and 1919. It is becoming an established practice to have reunions every 1st, 3rd, 5th and 10th years after graduation and every 10th anniversary thereafter. Dr. Louis Ostrom of the class of 1895 is making preliminary arrange-

ments to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his class.

Last year the treasurer reported the completion of the \$1,000 alumni scholarship fund and at the coming meeting the disposition of the scholarship will be determined by the association. The income from this fund will be awarded this year by the college faculty.

The Alumni association solidly backs the movement for the lengthening of additional funds for the local institution and they will be interested in watching the success of the drive to be conducted this week and next in the cities. Members of the association express their need for inspiration in taking up in earnest the plans for further addition to the endowment funds through the knowledge that the business men of the cities realize the local importance of the institution.

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